

### **The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo**

The Butterfly Lion tells the story of a boy running away from school who meets an old lady. She tells him a wonderful story about a boy called Bertie, who finds a white lion cub in Africa. Then Bertie is sent away to boarding school in England and the lion cub is sold to a French circus man. Bertie vows never to forget his friend. The book follows Bertie's journey through the First World War and his search for and eventual reunion with the lion. Heartened by the woman's tale, the student returns to school. This adventure story demonstrates the values of courage and friendship and of keeping promises.

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### **Dog called GRK by Joshua Doder**

Tim rescues a stray dog and brings him home. Grk is no ordinary dog though and soon Tim finds himself thrown into an adventure of planes, helicopters and prison breakouts. This fast-moving story will have young adventurers (particularly the boys) glued to the page. Children from 3<sup>rd</sup> class up will enjoy this book.

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### **The Dreaming Tree by Eithne Massey**

The Dreaming Tree, part of the O'Brien Bridges Series, is written by Eithne Massey and beautifully illustrated by Marie Thorhauge. The central character in the book is Roberto, a young Brazilian now living in Ireland. Back home in Brazil, Roberto loved playing football. Now he lives in Ireland, and he'd really like to have a game with the boys in the park, but he's too shy. When his granny reminds him of the Brazilian story of the dreaming tree, he doesn't see how a story can help him ... But maybe it can!

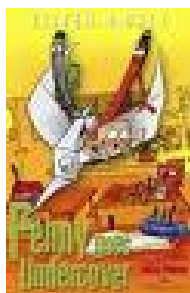
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### **The Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle**

Mr. Mack is about to step foot-first into a fate he doesn't deserve. This hilarious tale begins with a simple man, Mr. Mack, heading for his job as a cookie taster...but also heading for a terrible (and awful smelly) fate. Is it an accident? Or are the mischievous Gigglers (elfin creatures who punish wayward adults) responsible? Find out in this thoroughly silly tale that reveals the truth of what happens to grownups that are mean to children! 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes will love this.

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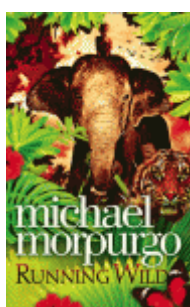


### **Penny goes Undercover by Eileen O'Hely**

In this sequel to the award winning Penny the Pencil, Penny goes undercover to find out who is writing graffiti on Ralph's school books and destroying Sarah's colouring. After close calls in the pencil cases of Lucy the Stealer, Sean the Chewer and the strange Floating Healers, Penny and Polly stumble across the lair of the evil culprit, and discover that it will take all their ingenuity to save not only themselves, but all the children in Ralph's class from an evil plot. 8

to 10 year old boys will particularly enjoy this book.

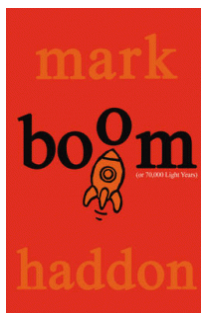
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### **Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo**

When 10-year-old Will's father dies in the Iraq war, his mother surprises him with a trip to Indonesia. But little could she have known what awaited them both there. The first Will knows that anything is wrong is when Oona, the elephant he is riding along the beach, begins to spook. Then, suddenly, she takes off into the jungle with Will on her back. And that's when Will sees the wave come crashing in! With his mother almost certainly drowned, with nothing to cling onto but an elephant and nothing to help him but the clothes on his back, Will faces a terrifying future.

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### **Boom by Mark Haddon**

From the moment that Jim and his best friend Charlie bug the staff room and overhear two of their teachers speaking to each other in a secret language, they know there's an adventure on its way. But what does 'spudvetch' mean, and why do Mr Kidd's eyes flicker with fluorescent blue light when Charlie says it to him? Perhaps Kidd and Pearce are bank robbers talking in code. Perhaps they're spies. Perhaps they're aliens. Whatever they are, Jimbo and Charlie are determined to find out.

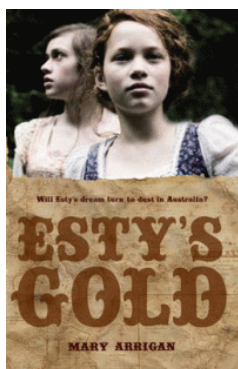
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### **Missing, Believed Crazy by Terence Blacker**

Five kids at an exclusive private school hatch a daring plan to fake a kidnap and raise money for charity. There's brainy scholarship boy, Wiki, super-glam Jade, too-cool-for-school Mark, everyone's best friend Holly - and then there's Trix. It was her brilliant idea in the first place. A kidnap, a rural hideaway, a load of money ...and all for the very best of motives. What could possibly go wrong?

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### **Esty's Gold by Mary Arrigan**

Esty Maher's family is uprooted and torn apart during the Irish potato famine - 'the Hunger'. Esty is sent into service, but dreams of going to Australia to find gold, and manages to get assisted passage for her family and friends. However, when they reach Ballarat, her dream and hard work nearly turn to dust in the midst of scavenging and rebellion - but thanks to their self-reliance and ingenuity, the Maher family turns up trumps.

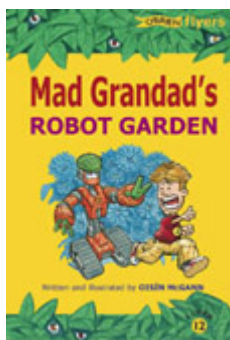
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### **Féile Fever by Joe O'Brien**

Danny Wilde and his team mates are finding the Under-14s Division tough going. They've lost one of their best goal-scorers to injury and it looks like they'll have no chance of winning the County Féile! Could Todd, the new Australian kid, be the answer to their prayers? Todd's an Aussie Rules player – tough and skilful – but can he become a real GAA player in time? It's all to play for in the second book about GAA player Danny Wilde.

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### **Mad Grandad's Robot Garden by Oisín McGann**

Lenny's mad grandad has a new robot gardener. No more weeding or cutting the grass for Grandad. But the robot has other plans. In the dark of night, it starts a garden of its own and Lenny and Grandad wake up to a nasty surprise!

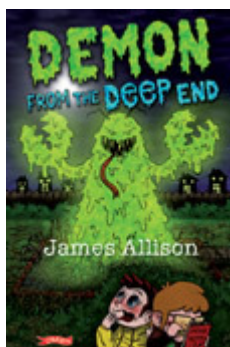
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### **The Little Witch Who Can't Spell by Marie Burlington**

Little Willow Witch can't spell. Her magic spells are all mixed up. Then she finds a wand, a powerful wizard's wand. "Oh No" meows Spooky her cat, as he runs for cover. Little Witch and a powerful wizard's wand spell only one thing and that's ... T-R-O-U-B-L-E! And Spooky is right.

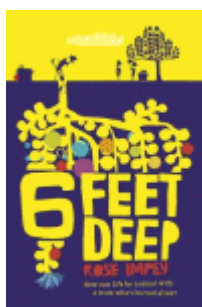
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### **Demon from the Deep End by James Allison**

When Liam Brodie, his sister Sophie and horror-movie fan Evan are offered a free trip to Spain they jump at the chance. They're not expecting to star in their own real-life horror story...

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### **6 Feet Deep by Rose Impey**

How many other boys had a mother prepared to be buried alive -- just to get into the record books? Jordan suspected that only he belonged to such an odd family. And the novelty of a bit of fame and freedom had worn off long ago.

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